

DK-US065246

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	
	:	
Masanobu KAWAZOE et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 1793
	:	
Serial No. 10/594,388	:	Examiner: Sarah Van Oudenaren
	:	
Filed: June 1, 2007	:	Confirmation No. 9309
	:	
For: SOLID ELECTROLYTE TYPE	:	
FUEL CELL	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. A copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 05 72 0454.7 is attached hereto.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

No fee is believed to be required in view of the above certification. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the Petition fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) *if required* and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

International Patent Publication No. 96/02951 appears to disclose a method and device for operating a fuel cell system. U.S. Patent No. 5,856,034 is believed to be equivalent to WO 96/02951 and thus, being cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

/Patrick A. Hilsmier/
Patrick A. Hilsmier
Reg. No. 46,034

GLOBAL IP COUNSELORS, LLP
1233 Twentieth Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
Phone No. (202)-293-0444
Dated: September 28, 2009

S:\09-SEP09-YTYDK-US065246 IDS with certification foreign PTO.doc